Sl. No.	Division	Name of Mandal
64		Kuppam
65		Gudipalli
66		Santhipuram
67		Rama Kuppam

Budgetary support to Indian Cotton Mills Federation

†*257. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Cotton Mills Federation (ICMF) had demanded Rs. 400 crore annually as budgetary support from the Centre in order to improve the poor financial condition of the Indian Cotton Mills;

(b) if so, the provision for the purpose made in the financial year of 2003-2004 and the funds sanctioned to improve the condition of cotton Mills and to make textile industry competitive;

(c) whether any Technology Upgradation Fund (T.U.F.) has been formed for textile sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) To improve the financial condition of textile mills, Indian Cotton Mills Federation has submitted a proposal for financial restructuring. The proposal envisage contribution by the Government. No decision has been taken on the submitted proposal.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government of India, Ministry of Textiles has launched a technology upgradation fund scheme (TUFS) for the textile and jute industries, which is in operation since 01.04.1999 for a period of five years i.e. up to 31.03.2004. The Scheme provides for reimbursement of interest @ 5% point on the interest charged by the lending agencies on a project of technology upgradation in conformity with the Scheme. With effect from 1st Jan. 2002, an option has also been provided to the Small Scale Textile and Jute Industries to avail of either 12% Credit Linked Capital Subsidy (CLCS-TUFS) or 5% interest reimbursement under TUFS.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

As on May 31, 2003 under this Scheme, a total of 2185 applications with a total project cost of Rs. 16336 crore having a loan component of Rs. 9394 crores were received; 1924 applications with the total loan amount Rs. 6134 crores have been sanctioned and Rs. 4518 crore has been disbursed against 1577 applications.

Clearance of power projects by CEA

*258. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Authority has given clearance to several projects recently;

(b) if so, the details of the projects, cleared during the last one year;

(c) the capacity of the projects and total investment involved; and

(d) the present status of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Central Electricity Authority has accorded Techno-Economic Clearance to 21 power projects aggregating to 11,681 MW with an estimated cost of Rs. 46,445.174 crores during the period from 1st August, 2002 to 31st July, 2003. This comprises of 8 hydro power projects having an installed capacity of 6619 MW. Details in regard to installed capacity, estimated cost and present status of these projects are annexed as statement.

Statement-I

Details of Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC) to Power Projects by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) During 1st August, 2002 to 31st July, 2003.

Name of the Schemes/ Executing Agency	Ins-talled Capacity (MW)	Estimated Cost	Status*
HYDRO			
Allain Duhangan HEP (Rajasthan Spinning & Weaving mills Ltd. H.P.	2x96	Rs. 922.355 cr.	The project was accorded TEC on 20.8.2002. The project has been identified to give benefit in 11th Plan.